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A HUE and CRY AFTER THE PRETENDER,

By JACK CATCH, &c.

Executioner-General, and General within these his Majesty's Dominions of *Great Britain*, *Wales*, *Ireland*, and all other his Majesty's Territories thereunto belonging.

To all Goalers and Goal Birds, whether in Custody or otherwise, to all Thieves and Thief-catchers, Hawkers and Stalkers, to all Itinerants in these Kingdoms, whether Parsons, Merchants, Eves-droppers, Fortune-tellers, Mendicants, Foreign and Domestick, whether Fryers, Soldiers, Sailers, decay'd Gentlemen or unfortunate Ladies; to all Owlers by Sea, and Strolers by Land, and to all Idlers and Vagabonds whatever, as well as to all honest Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, Sub-Sheriffs of Counties, Mayors of Corporations, Constables, Church-Wardens, and Sides-Men, and to all his Majesty's Loving Subjects, who value their Religion, Liberty, Lives, Fortunes and Reputation, and have a just Dread and Esteem for me the last Distributer of Justice, and true Author of condign Punishment.

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GREETING,

WHereas one *James Stuart*, alias *Oglethorp*, alias *Tiler*, alias *George*, alias *Chevalier*, alias *Pretender* alias *King*, alias *No-King*; neither *Cæsar* nor *Nullus*, neither a Man nor a Mouse, neither a Man's Man, nor a Woman's Man, nor a States-man, nor a little Man, nor a great Man; neither *English*-Man, nor *French*-Man, but a *Mungrelian*, between both; neither Wise nor otherwise; neither Soldier nor Sailer, nor Cardinal; without Father or Mother; without Friend or Foe, without Foresight or After-sight, without Brains or Bravery, without House or Home; made in the Figure of a Man; but just Alive, and that's all; hath clandestinely late Elop'd from his Friends, thro' a Back-door, and has not been seen or heard of since, leaving his Horses and Servants, with rich Furniture, and ready Money, amongst the said Friends, who were all well Mounted, and provided with Arms, *&c.* in order to Crown him, hadn't he lost his Licence for Perjury; and to Invest him with a great Estate, well Cultivated, and Inhabited by a Civiliz'd People, furnish'd with Cattle and Wild-Fowl, well Water'd and plentiful in Stone and Wood, where the People are Frugal, and a Shilling is worth a Pound; for which Reason he is concluded to be a Lunatick, and a little Beside himself; is also to have been ill Advis'd by a Parcel of silly, enterprizing, disappointed, cowardly, mad, abandoa'd Bankrupts and Libertines, who Promis'd more than they cou'd Perform, and deluded him into Imaginations and Schemes, whereby they have Ruin'd him and themselves, are become the Contempt of their Enemies, the Aversion and Scorn of their Friends, and the Jest of Mankind; nay, are the Objects of Publick Justice, for committing Riots, Robbery and Murder in their damnable Pranks.

And whereas the said *Alias* came lately from *France*, in Time of profound Peace, to raise a Mob in *North-Britain* and other Places, just after his Accomplices had been Routed in Two Places on the same Day, and a whole Set of them Arm-tied and sent to *Newgate*, and other Places of safe Ward and Custody: And whereas he and they, being *Papists* and *Atheists*, did contrive and accomplish all this, and much more, for the Honour and Safety of the *Church of England*, which abhors them and spews them out; which Transactions reflect highly on the Clergy of the said Church, and tend to the dishonour of them and their Holy Religion; insinuating, that they wou'd be content to see *Slavery* and *Popery* flourish notwithstanding all their late Doctrines and Oaths to the Contrary.

And whereas the said *Alias* pretended to come here, to Watch and Fight, to bring Men and Money with him, to Train an Army, and March at the Head of them, to Fight Battles and Besiege Towns; but in reality did none of these, but sculk'd, and whin'd and speech'd and cry'd stole to his Head-Quarters by Night, went away before Morning; and, having smelt Gun-powder, and dreamt of an Enemy, burnt the Country, and run away by the Light of it.

And whereas the said *Alias* has feloniously, traiterously and basely taken along with him, the Rings, Ear-rings, Bracelets, Nose-drops, Buckles, Strings of Diamonds, Pearl Necklaces, Silken Garters, Ribbonds, Snuff-Boxes of Gold and Silver, and other precious Mettals, adorn'd with costly Stones and Pictures and Motto's, together with all the Jewels and gawdy Nick-nacks of the Ladies of his Neighbourhood; so that they are incapable of Appearing hereafter at an *Highland*-Ball, on his Birth-Day, or a Day of Thanksgiving for the Battles of *Dumblain*, *Preston* or some such extraordinary Occasion.

And whereas the said *James* falsely and barbarously Borrowed all the said Jewels, and other Ornaments, from the deluded Ladies, on Pretence, of making a Figure on the Day that the said above-mention'd Advisers of his shou'd put him in Possession of the above mention'd Estate; but, in reality, did it with a Design to Defraud and Cheat those credulous zealous Ladies of the said Moveables, to the detriment of themselves and their Families, and to the Support and Maintenance of the said *Alias*, in his Whims and Vagaries, and to the continuance of his Raving and Madness; whereby he fancies himself a King, and makes Mock-Ministers of State; creating Sham Generals, Secretaries, Lords and Knights, in *Scotland*; and Dukes of *Newcastle*, and *Greenwich*, in his Hunting-Matches and Freaks at *Barrle-duc*, where he

and the D—— of L—— are raving like *Don Quixot* and *Sancho*, about Kingdoms, and the Government of imaginary Islands, to the known Disturbance of their own Brains, and the certain Laughter of their Neighbours.

And whereas the said *James Alias*, without any visible Charms or Allurements, or the usual Methods whereby Young Men prevail upon Ladies, and win their Hearts, did Hellishly and Devilishly bewitch and inchant a certain Lady at *Lorretto*, in *Italy*, by the help of the Pronunciation of a few Words, commonly call'd *the Church*, and *Primitive Christianity*, to Lend a great Share of her Patrimony to the said *Alias*, for the pretended Service of the said *Inchanting Terms*, without Bill or Bond, or any Thing under his Hand, ackowledging the Receipt, and Promising the Repayment of the said Money, so wickedly Charm'd away from her, who never before gave out her Money, without very good Security. Witness the Years 15- and 1688, and many others; which foolish and wicked Impoverishing her at present, may spoil and disappoint many a good Project, and pious Design in times to come.

And whereas the said *James Alias*, did likewise Fraudulently, and Sinfully convey away great Sums of Money from his Holiness the *Pope*, to the great detriment of the Catholick Cause, which might have been better employed against the *Turk*, or the *Dutch*, or some such Enemy to Christianity; perfidiously promising the said *Pope*, that for the said Money so expended, he, the said *Pope*, shou'd have the best Security in *England*, (City or otherways,) and for the true Payment whereof, he shou'd have full *Powers* made over him here, both of the Souls and Bodies of Men, and vast Quantities of Lands and Houses, deliver'd to his Trustees; all which he most Scandalously, Perfidiously, & Sacrilegiously hath depriv'd & wrong'd the great *Man of God* of; and squander'd away upon Fruitless Expeditions, and a Chimerical Pilgrimage, to the famous Town of *Scoon*.

And whereas, besides this notorious Robbery of the Holy See, he has Fraudulently, also procur'd from many other Popish Princes, and others, vast Sums of Money, wherewith he has indulg'd his Lunacy, and supported his Extravagant and Senseless Whims and Vagaries; nay, whereas he most monstrously induc'd many *English* Subjects, to part with their ready Cash, whereby he afterwards made a foolish Purchase for them, of their Lives and Estates, to his Rival's Use, and for the Service of his, the said *Alias*'s, and his said Friends declar'd Enemy, and Enemies, to be dispos'd of to Sale, and the Gallows, as he and they shall think fit.

AND Lastly, Whereas the said Alias, with a Parcel of unthinking Spendthrifs, and graceless Rakes, did Traiterously conspire against the Life, and contrive, design and endeavour to accomplish the depriving the Lawful Heir of the above-mention'd Lands, and all the Lands adjacent, and country about it; which said Heir is possess'd of an honest intelligent Countenance, of an active Body, and vigorous Mind, endow'd with all the Graces of an Angel, and Vertues of a Man, and the outward Advantages of Wealth and Power; who himself wou'd strenuously Defend his own Title, without the least shew of Ignorance or Fear, and who has the Love and Hearts of the Best and Ablest of His Tenants, such as keep all the Neighbourhood in Peace and Awe.

NOW Whereas the said *James Stuart*, alias *Ogletborp*, alias *Tyler*, alias *George* alias *Chevalier*, alias *Pretender*, alias *King*, alias *&c.* hath Foolishly and Knavishly done and undone these Things, rais'd a Mob, and there left them, kept himself from them when they wanted him, and gone to them when it was too late, stol'n Money, misapply'd it, sneak'd from *France*, run away from *Scotland*, neither carry'd Men with him, nor Headed those which he had there, neither Array'd his Army, nor Engag'd 'em; but Sigh'd, Slept, Wept, made one silly Speech, and so scour'd off: And Whereas, Lastly of all, he has Blasphemously induc'd the *Pope* to Sing *Te Deum*, for these Things, for which his Friends wish him at the Devil, and Swear *Nunc Dimittis*.

For these, and many other Reasons, to us known and too tedious here to Repeat, we command you and ev'ry of you above-mentioned, Itinerants and Mayors and Goalers and Sub-Sheriffs, Church-Wardens and Thieves, Sides-men and Beggars, Constables and Vagabonds, to Apprehend, Dead or Alive, the Body of the said *James* alias *&c.* And so Apprehended, to bring him before me, that he may Receive the Benefit of the Law, for which you shall have the following Reward; and for the doing of which, this shall be your sufficient Warrant. Dated at *Bridewell-Dock*, this 65th Year of our Reign, *Febuary* the 20th 1715-16.

The *PREMIUM*.

IF you bring the said *James* alias, before me, you shall have 5 *l.* Reward, and no Questions ask'd.

If before a Mayor of a Corporation, 50 *l.* and Meat Drink, Washing and Lodging for a Month.

If before a Lawyer, 1000 *l.* provided you prove fully, your Impostor to be no Impostor.

If before a Soldier, the full Value of his Commission.

If before a Parson, nothing. *Charity covers a multitude of Sins.*

If before a Justice of the Peace, together with one of th late Ministry, 5000 *l.* provided that you let him go again.

If before One of the present Ministry, 100000 *l.* and your Statue erected about *Westminster-Hall*.

And now, lest you shou'd mistake him remember he is a tall, slim, black, yellow, brown, fallow heavy, dull, good-for-nothing Fellow, he has dead-looking black Eyes, meagre Cheeks long Chin, Mouth gaping, Nose dropping. If you look at him, he looks at you; if you say any thing to him, he Sighs, and says, *he was unfortunate from his Mother's Womb*. Some say he can Write and Read; but be sure don't forget that he has long Legs, and loves to make use of them: he never Laughs till he is Drunk; Plays at Cards on Sundays; makes Pellets in Company with bits of Bread, with his Fingers, lolls his Tongue out, and leans on his Elbows. And now, if you meet him and mistake him, you are Puppies and Fools, and ought to be Hang'd instead of him the said *James* alias, &c. And so I bid you heartly Farewell.

Jack Catch